

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS, III CORPS AND FORT HOOD FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544-5056

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL SOLDIERS ON DUTY WITH III CORPS AND FORT HOOD

SUBJECT: Rights of Military Personnel to Present Complaints to or Request Assistance from the Inspector General (IG)

- 1. All soldiers have the right to present complaints, grievances, or requests for assistance to the IG. These may include what soldiers reasonably believe evidences fraud, waste, and abuse.
- 2. Before visiting the IG, you should consider whether your concerns can be addressed more quickly and simply by referring them to your chain of command first. You do not have to present your concerns to your chain of command before visiting the IG. However, you must obtain permission to be absent from your duties if you wish to visit the IG during your duty hours. You do not have to tell anyone why you want to speak with an IG.
- 3. You may visit or call your local IG at:

<u>III Corps</u> (3 SIG, 3 PG, 21 CAV, 13 FIN, 89 MP, 504 MI) Room C121, Bldg 1001 287-2428 (Recorded after duty hours)

1st Cav Div	4th Inf Div	13th COSCOM	DACH
Bldg 28000	Bldg 410	Bldg 39009	Bldg 36000
287-7707	287-5709	287-3100	286-7350/73524.
(Room 2070)	(Room 251)	(Room 136)	(Room 0509)

4. If you believe your local IG's response to you is not fair, complete, or in accordance with law and regulation; or if you believe your interests may be jeopardized by contacting your local IG, you may write to the Inspector General, Forces Command, Fort McPherson, GA 30330-6000. You may also call the Department of the Army Inspector General (DAIG) or the Inspector General, Department of Defense (IG, DOD) Hotline. Their telephone numbers are:

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DAIG: Toll Free, 1-800-752-9747 IG, DOD: Toll Free, 1-800-424-9098; Commercial, (703) 693-5080; DSN 223-5080

- 5. Department of the Army personnel are prohibited from taking any action that restricts you from filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with the IG. They are also prohibited from taking any disciplinary or adverse action against you for filing a complaint, seeking assistance, or cooperating with the IG, a member of Congress or any agency established to receive such complaints. However, if you lie or knowingly make false accusations to the IG, you are subject to disciplinary action.
- 6. Per AR 20-1, paragraph 1-11, the IG has a duty to protect confidentiality to the maximum extent possible. This is true for all persons who ask the IG for help, make a complaint, give evidence, contact or assist an IG during an inspection or investigation, or otherwise interact with an IG.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

RICHARD B. WATERHOUSE

Colonel, IG

Inspector General

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